

# SCJGA Greenville: 2023 Summer Chapter Series Overview for Parents & Players

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# About us

- ▶ **Robbie Gravely, Co-Director**
  - ▶ 7th season serving as co-director of the SCJGA Greenville Chapter
  - ▶ Former head golf coach at Greer High School
  - ▶ Long time director of the Men's Greenville County Amateur Championship
  - ▶ Married to Josie; children are Jamie, Sam, and Kayli
- ▶ **Doug Brown, Co-Director**
  - ▶ 7th season serving as co-director of the SCJGA Greenville Chapter
  - ▶ Co-founder of Grow Golf Now with George Bryan III
  - ▶ Married to Beth, children are Ally and Molly
- ▶ **Tracy Miller, starter & head rules official**
  - ▶ Teacher and coach of the Greer High School golf team
- ▶ **Bob Shell - starter/rules official**
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# Contact Us

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# Goals of the Greenville Chapter

- ▶ Player and spectator safety is our top priority
- ▶ Create a FUN environment for all players
- ▶ Help young people gain valuable experience in competitive golf
- ▶ Provide opportunities to make new friends and strengthen existing friendships
- ▶ Promote health and wellness - walking the course is great exercise
- ▶ Facilitate a deepening appreciation for the game of golf that hopefully lasts a lifetime

# 2023 Greenville Chapter Schedule

- ▶ June 12<sup>th</sup>: Carolina Springs (\$10 entry fee)
- ▶ June 19<sup>th</sup>: Links O' Tryon (\$10 entry fee)
- ▶ June 26<sup>th</sup>: Fox Run Country Club (\$10 entry fee)
- ▶ July 3<sup>rd</sup>: OFF for Independence Day
- ▶ July 10<sup>th</sup>: Greer Golf Course (\$10 entry fee)
- ▶ July 17<sup>th</sup>: Willow Creek (\$10 entry fee)
- ▶ July 24-25<sup>th</sup>: Greenville County Junior Am at Holly Tree CC (cost TBA)
  - ▶ This is open to all junior golfers in Greenville County
  - ▶ Regular All-Star points will be awarded to Chapter Members
  - ▶ Caddies will be permitted if they are 22 years of age or younger
- ▶ July 31<sup>st</sup>: TOC - Preserve at Verdae (\$10 entry fee)
  - ▶ Chapter championship where DOUBLE points for All-Star rankings are awarded
- ▶ Aug 12-13<sup>th</sup>: Thomas D Todd All-Star Tournament at Paris Mountain GC in Greenville, SC

# Parent & Player Chapter Guide

- ▶ All events are individual stroke play tournaments where all golfers WALK and play their own ball
- ▶ Registration for Tournaments
  - ▶ Sign up for all chapter events on-line through the SCJGA portal
  - ▶ Registration closes at 4 PM on the Friday prior to each event
- ▶ Pairings & Tee times
  - ▶ Tee times usually start at 8:00 AM and we start groups of #1 and #10
  - ▶ All pairings will be posted on the website and sent out via email by no later than 12 pm on the Sunday before each event
- ▶ Cancellations & No-Shows
  - ▶ Please contact us if you cannot make your tee time - even if it's last minute
  - ▶ No-Shows are punishable by suspension from the next chapter event
- ▶ Age Divisions
  - ▶ Boys: 7-9, 10-12, 13-14, and 15-18
  - ▶ Girls: 7-9, 10-12, 13-18

# Parent & Player Chapter Guide (con.)

## ▶ Tee Boxes and Holes Played

### ▶ Boys

- ▶ 7-9: play 9 holes from cone tees placed in the fairway
- ▶ 10-12: play 9 holes from Red or Senior tees
- ▶ 13-14: play 18 holes from middle tees or back tees
- ▶ 15-18: play 18 holes from middle or back tees

### ▶ Girls

- ▶ 7-9: play 9 holes from the forward cone tees placed in the fairway
- ▶ 10-12: play 9 holes from same cone tees as Boys 7-9
- ▶ 13-18: play 18 holes from either forward or senior tees

## ▶ Pace of play & stroke limit

- ▶ All players should play ready golf
- ▶ Max score on ALL HOLES is double par



# Expectations for Players

- ▶ Arrive at least 20 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time & check in at the scoring table, range balls will be provided
- ▶ Arrive at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee box at least 5 minutes before your tee time to check in with the starter to receive your scorecard
- ▶ Always be respectful to your playing partners and staff at each facility
- ▶ Leave the course in better shape than you found it: rake bunkers, fill divots, and repair all pitch marks
- ▶ Play ready-golf and maintain a pace of play that keeps up with the group in front of you
- ▶ Have a basic understanding of the rules of golf - contact a rules official whenever in doubt of how to proceed, playing a second ball is an option
- ▶ Double check your score and your marker's score & ALWAYS signing your card before submitting it to the scoring officials
- ▶ Use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and vaping is strictly prohibited

# Expectations for Parents

- ▶ ALWAYS be a source of support and encouragement for your players REGARDLESS of the numbers on their scorecard
- ▶ For Boys 13-14, 15-18, & Girls 13-18:
  - ▶ Be great fans at each event but please stay on cart paths and remain at least 30-40 feet from the players when out on the course. Also serve as ball spotters
- ▶ For Boys 7-9, 10-12 & Girls 7-9, 10-12:
  - ▶ June 12<sup>th</sup> & June 19<sup>th</sup> : Allowed to provide in-game assistance to players
    - ▶ Help the players find their yardages, club selection, rake bunkers, tend pins, assist with scorekeeping, & shuttle players between greens and tees
    - ▶ Players must carry their bag or use a pushcart during the holes of play
  - ▶ \*\*\*All other weeks: Please serve as ball spotters, shuttlers, and spectators only
    - ▶ Please refrain from coaching or giving advice of ANY kind when your player is on the course & please remain on or a close to the cart path as possible during play
- ▶ Make sure your golfer has a ride to and from the course - but you are NOT required to stay while they are playing

# Cell Phone Use During Play

- ▶ To make dealing with the rules easier for all players, the Greenville chapter will allow players to use cell phones while on the course for assistance with the rules
- ▶ Players with rules questions can use their cell phones to contact a rules or tournament official or to access a golf rules app
- ▶ The Golf Expert rules app (shown below) is one example and can be purchased in most app stores for around \$15 and use of is permitted in all Greenville Chapter events
- ▶ Cell phone use by players should only occur if there is need to seek advice from a rules official or rules app or in the event of reporting an emergency
  - ▶ Players CANNOT use their phones to receive guidance/coaching from parents, coaches, or any other sources while playing

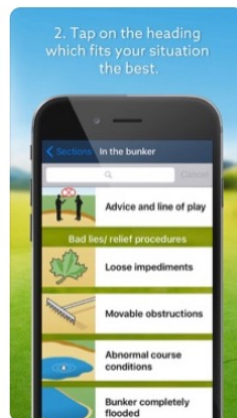
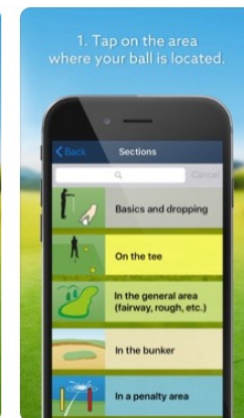
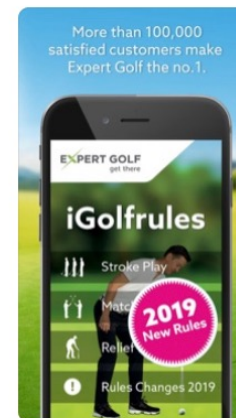


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# All-Star Tournament & Rankings

- ▶ The Thomas D Todd All-Star Tournament takes place on Aug 12-13<sup>th</sup> at Paris Mountain Golf Club in Greenville, SC
- ▶ The top 2 players in each division will qualify for the Greenville Chapter All-Star team and will compete against players from other chapters across SC
- ▶ Players will earn points toward All-Star rankings for top finishes in each GREENVILLE Chapter event in which they play
  - ▶ Players will NOT earn All-Star points for events played in outside chapters
- ▶ Final Rankings are calculated using each players' **BEST FIVE FINISHES** out of the seven total chapter events on the schedule
  - ▶ This means you do **NOT** need to play in all seven tournaments as only your best 5 out of 7 finished will count towards your final all-star ranking
- ▶ **DOUBLE POINTS** for All-Stars will be awarded for the Greenville Chapter Championship on Aug 9th at our T.O.C./Chapter Championship at the Preserve at Verdae
  - ▶ All other events, including the Greenville Junior Am, will be awarded regular point values

# Q&A Session

- ▶ Please reach out to us with all questions, concerns & suggestions
  - ▶ Robbie Gravley: 864-444-3652
  - ▶ Doug Brown: 864-553-1592
- ▶ The new local out-of-bounds rule will be permitted for Boys 7-9, 10-12 & Girls 7-9, 10-12 divisions
  - ▶ Boys 13-14, 15-18 & Girls 13-18 must play by the traditional OB rule of stroke and distance
- ▶ Sponsorship opportunities are available - contact us if interested!